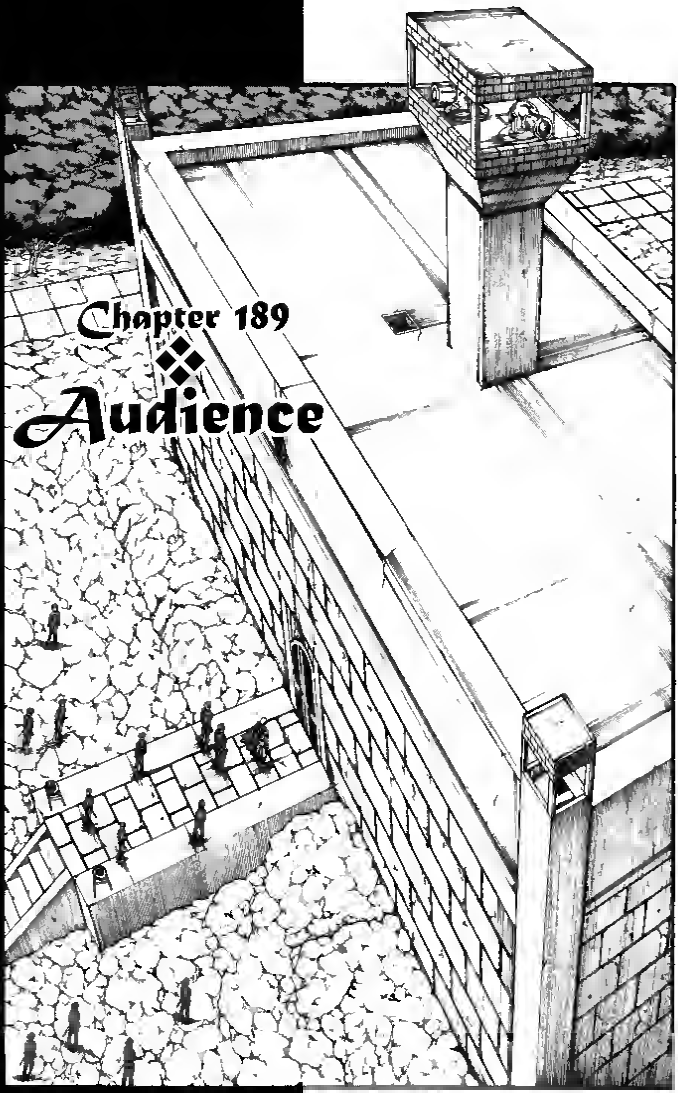
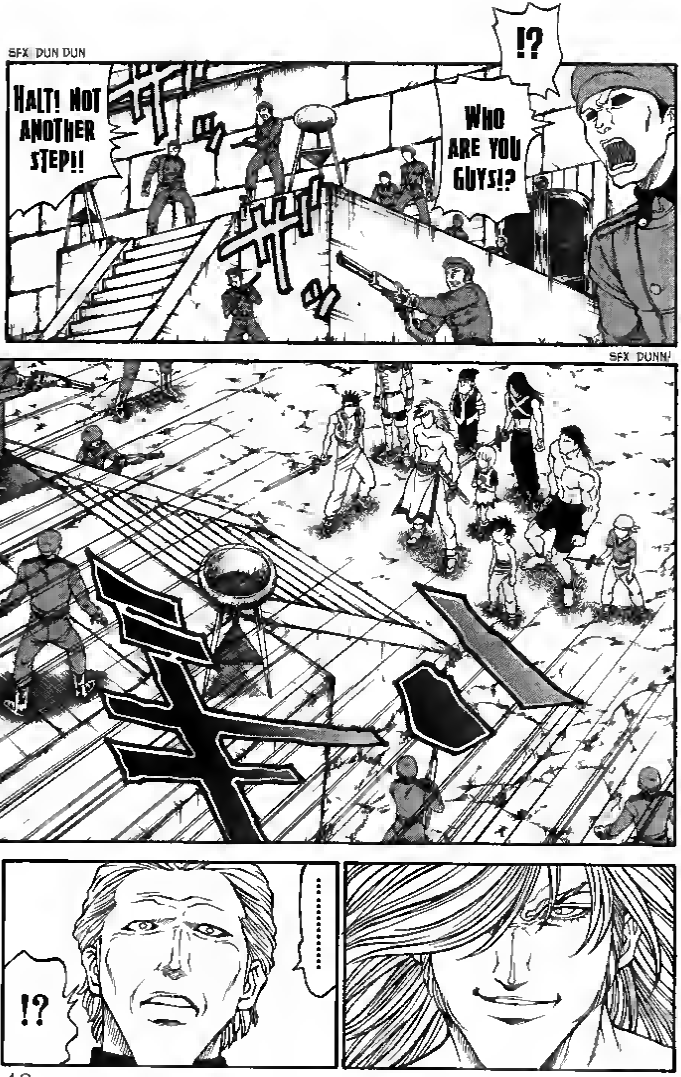
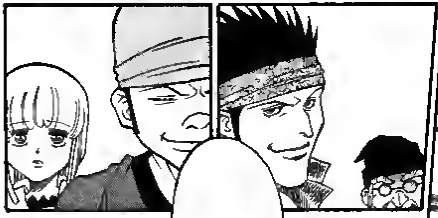
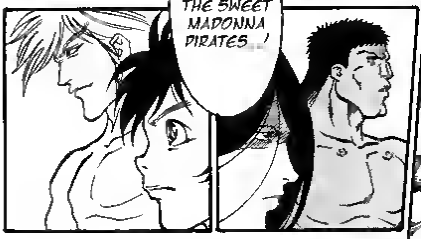

Chapter 189
Audience

RIGHT!
...WHAT'S THE STATUS?
.....
ALL THE CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN TAKEN CARE OF!
NONE OF THE DOORS UNDERGROUND SHOW ANY SIGNS OF BEING OPENED! THE GUARDS INSIDE HAVE ALSO CONFIRMED THIS INFORMATION!
WHAT WAS THE INTRUDER'S GOAL?
...WE DON'T KNOW...


SFX: DUN DUN
HALT! NOT ANOTHER STEP!!
!?
WHO ARE YOU GUYS!?
SFX: DUNN!
.....
!?

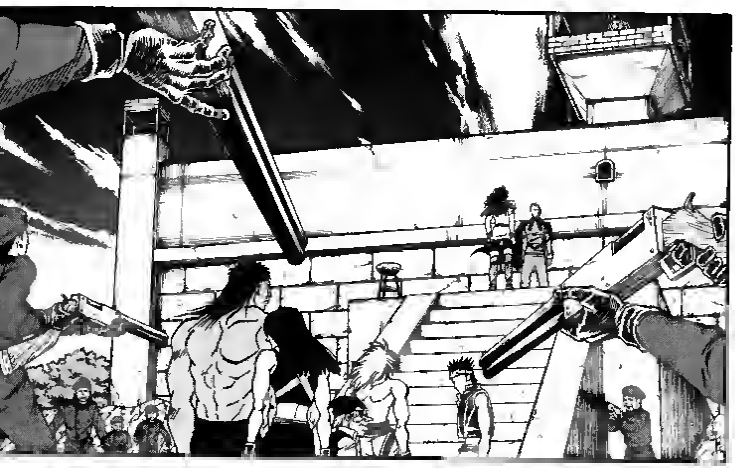
SFX: MURMUR SFX: MURMUR





STRANGE TO RUN INTO YOU HERE OF ALL PLACES...
SORRY FOR TAKING TIME OUT OF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE.
NONSENSE. I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE THAT MAGNIFICENT WEDDING. THANK YOU FOR THE INVITATION.
SHOULDN'T THAT BE MY LINE?
I HEARD SOME RUMORS SAYING YOU WANTED TO TOUR THE WORLD AS A PIRATE... IT SEEMS THEY WERE TRUE.
TO COME INTO MY LAND WITHOUT ALLOWING ME TO PREPARE A PROPER WELCOME...
...OH?
SPEAKING OF RUMORS...
I'VE HEARD SOME ABOUT THIS PLACE AS WELL.

I HEARD THERE ARE UNAWAKENED CHANGELINGS BEING KEPT IN THIS BUILDING..
AND IF MY INTELLIGENCE IS CORRECT, YOU ONCE PLANNED TO USED THESE CHANGELINGS TO ATTACK MY KINGDOM
AND THAT YOU'VE HAD AN UNHEALTHY OBSESSION WITH CHANGELINGS EVER SINCE
!
HAHAHA! OH, MY!
WHAT A MIS-UNDERSTANDING! I DON'T HAVE ANY CHANGE-LINGS IN MY CUSTODY!
TO THINK YOU WOULD COME TO THIS CONCLUSION GIVEN OUR HISTORY TOGETHER!
THE CHANGE-LINGS...
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEM FOR MYSELF!


I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ANY CHANGELINGS!!
ARE YOU CALLING ME A LIAR!?

I DON'T MEAN TO OFFEND..
BUT, WOULD YOU MIND IF I JUST TAKE A LOOK INSIDE..?
This country has a history of persecuting the Oldblood...
They probably view changelings on the same level...
Did Orca trick us again!? I have to make sure...

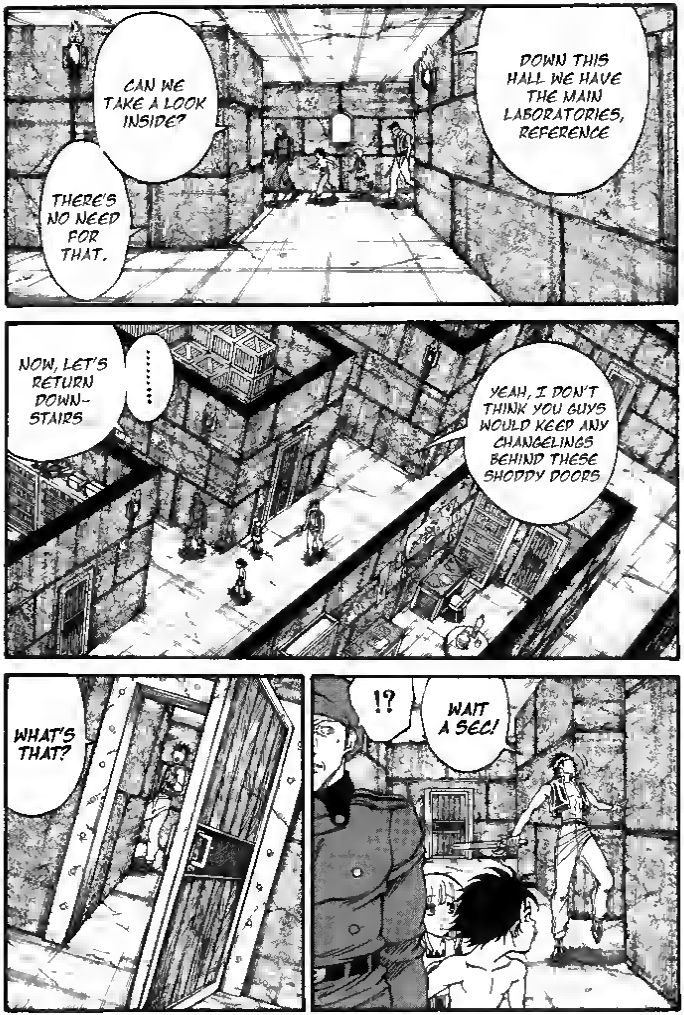
I RECEIVED A REPORT THAT THERE WAS AN UNLAWFUL BREAK-IN AT THIS BUILDING.
JUST TO CONFIRM THAT THERE ARE NO CHANGELINGS PRESENT.
PROBABLY BY THE SAME PERSON WHO TOLD YOU THOSE RUMORS.
IT WASN'T ONE OF YOUR PIRATES, WAS IT...? SOMEONE YOU ALREADY KNOW...?
NO... IT COULDN'T BE...
It can't be... Does he know... about Orca!?
I BEG YOUR PARDON!? THE PIRATES OF THE SWEET MADONNA ARE MY PERSONAL ESCORTS...
DO YOU THINK SO LITTLE OF ME THAT I WOULD KEEP SUCH VILE COMPANY!?

SFX MURMUR MURMUR MURMUR
HMHMHM WELL SAID
PETE SURE IS DOING WELL
DEFINITELY. FOR HIM TO ARGUE SO WELL AGAINST THAT WRETCHED KING WHILE KEEPING HIS COMPOSURE
PETE TRULY IS A GREAT DIPLOMAT...
KING MARCELLUS! WHEN CHANGELINGS ARE UNAWAKENED, IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO DISTINGUISH THEM FROM NORMAL ANIMALS
IF YOU HAVE CHANGELINGS IN YOUR CUSTODY AND YOU DO NOT KNOW IT...
IT MAY BE INCREDIBLY DANGEROUS!!
THEN GO IN! IF YOU'RE THAT WORRIED...
GO IN WITH YOUR PIRATES! GO!!

THEN PLEASE ACCOMPANY US!
SO YOU CAN ELABORATE ON THE LEGITIMACY OF YOUR OPERATION!
.....
VERY WELL.
I SHALL BE YOUR GUIDE.
!
THEN I WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONVINCE HIS MAJESTY TO RELIEVE HIS ESCORTS
ALTHOUGH, I HAVE MY DOUBTS ABOUT YOUR SUCCESS
Y-YOU MUSTN'T!
WE CAN'T HAVE OUR KING PLAYING TOUR GUIDE TO PIRATES...!!

I'LL BE YOUR GUIDE! I AM THE KING'S PERSONAL AIDE AND YOUNGER BROTHER, CAIN.
OUR KINGDOM HAS HAD A LONG HISTORY WITH PIRATES...
SO I UNDERSTAND YOUR CIRCUM-STANCES.
..THIS SEEMS EXCESSIVE.
ARE THERE REALLY CHANGELINGS HERE..?
IF ORCA TRICKED US AGAIN
NO...
I'LL GO.
DE- ERR, I MEAN, YOUR MAJESTY.
PERHAPS YOU SHOULD ALSO STAY BEHIND..
FOR THE TIME BEING.
I WOULD NOT ALLOW THIEVES TO ENTER THESE HALLS UNATTENDED.
NATURALLY.

CAPTAIN, THERE ARE SOME STAIRS GOING UP OVER HERE.
RIGHT. LET'S TAKE A LOOK.
WAIT! THAT'S...
SOME-THING YOU DON'T WANT US TO SEE?
I WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO GET LOST
LET ME GUIDE YOU.
LET'S TAKE A LOOK DOWNSTAIRS.


DOWN THIS HALL WE HAVE THE MAIN LABORATORIES, REFERENCE
CAN WE TAKE A LOOK INSIDE?
THERE'S NO NEED FOR THAT.
YEAH, I DON'T THINK YOU GUYS WOULD KEEP ANY CHANGELINGS BEHIND THESE SHODDY DOORS
.....
NOW, LET'S RETURN DOWN-STAIRS
WAIT A SEC!
!?
WHAT'S THAT?

THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY. WHATEVER THEY DISCOVER WILL NEVER MAKE IT OUTSIDE THOSE WALLS.
NO MATTER
BUT THE KEY TO THAT ROOM SEEMS TO HAVE GONE MISSING.
THEY HAVEN'T FINISHED SEARCHING THE PREMISES...
WHAT A BUSY KING TO THINK HE'LL BE HOLDING A GRAND FUNERAL JUST ONE YEAR AFTER HIS GRAND WEDDING
BLEH THAT'S GROSS!
YOH!
IT'S WHERE WE TOSS UNNECESSARY THINGS.. A GARBAGE CHUTE. NOW LET'S GET BACK TO OUR TOUR.
SO DEEEP!
WHAT'S THIS HOLE FOR..?

GI SHAAAA
ピク
GRAAAOOO
!
SFX TWITCH
STRANGE NOISES, HUH..?
WHAT KIND OF GARBAGE CHUTE IS THIS? IT'S WHERE YOU TOSS DOWN FEED FOR THE CHANGELINGS YOU'RE STORING DOWNSTAIRS ISN'T IT!?
THEN ORCA WAS TELLING THE TRUTH...!
BUT... JUDGING FROM THOSE NOISES...
THEY'VE BEEN AWAKENED!?
THAT'S RIGHT THEY'RE AWAKENED CHANGELINGS
BUT THERE'S NO WAY TO GET THEM OUT OF THEIR ROOM. THE INTRUDER STOLE THE KEY!
I'M SORRY.. BUT THIS IS AS FAR AS YOU GO

What!?
OUR CAPTAIN HAS THE KEY, AND HE'S ABOUT TO OPEN THAT DOOR...
THIS MIGHT BE AS FAR AS YOU GO, TOO. IF I WERE YOU, I'D GO WARN YOUR KING...
WE HAVE TO WARN HIM! HE THINKS THE CHANGELINGS ARE UNAWAKENED!!
BARTS IS GOING TO OPEN THE DOOR!!
THIS HAS TO BE IT...

SFX JUMP
SFX DASH
SFX TKK TKK TKK
DON'T OPEN THE...
BARTS!!
SFX DUN!

SFX: SWOOOOOO
GRAOOAAAA
GI SHAAAAA

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